

# Pharmacy Research Opportunities

## April 2021

Many of the currently advertised PHR Programme funding opportunities may be impacted by and can be related to the COVID-19 situation. For research proposals focused primarily on COVID-19 interventions please apply via the [NIHR COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research process](#).

### NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme funding opportunities

**NIHR funding calls open now:**

[20/124 – Adult Community Health and Social Care services to avoid planned and unplanned hospital admissions](#)

**Deadline: 08 April 2021 (two stage – Stage 1 to Stage 2)**

[21/13 Health Services and Delivery Research Programme \(standard researcher-led\)](#)

[20/139 - Mechanisms of action of health interventions \(pilot call of expanded remit\)](#)

[20/143 Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme researcher-led](#)

**Deadline: 13:00 on 13 April 2021**

[21/01 Health Technology Assessment Programme Researcher-led \(primary research\)](#)

[21/02 Health Technology Assessment Programme Researcher-led \(evidence synthesis\)](#)

[20/109 Shorter vs longer fixed-course antibiotic treatments](#)

**Deadline: 13:00 on 05 May 2021**

[21/06 National evaluation of the roll out of social prescribing link workers in primary care](#)

**Deadline: 13:00 on 20 May 2021**

[21/04 Children and young people's mental health](#)

[21/09 Health Service and Delivery Research Programme \(Evidence Synthesis Researcher-led\)](#)

[21/10 Health Services and Delivery Researcher Programme \(Standard Researcher-led\)](#)

**Deadline: 13:00 on 03 June 2021**

[21/16 Improving support for adult and/or older carers](#) <sup>NEW</sup>

**Deadline: 13:00 on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Discover the latest Health Technology Assessment Programme funding opportunities listed on the [NIHR website](#).

### Health and Care Research Wales – COVID-19 Research Hub

Our hub for COVID-19 research guidance and updates is available to view on our website. It includes:

- COVID-19 research studies in Wales
- Fast track study set up advice
- Guidance for researchers
- Funding for COVID-19 research
- Latest COVID-19 news

The hub is being updated as new information and guidance is received.

<https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/covid-19/covid-19-research-wales>

## British Oncology Pharmacy Association/Pharmacy Research UK

### research award **NEW**

**Pharmacy Research UK** and the **British Oncology Pharmacy Association** invite applications for their research award. This supports projects in translational and health service related to oncology and haematology pharmacy with a focus on patient benefit and provides a platform for novice researchers to engage in research.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are members of the society may apply. Projects must be conducted in the UK.

Grants are worth up to £20,000 each over one year. They may support an independent research project or research component of a higher degree.

**Closing date** 21 Apr 2021

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/the-bopa-pharmacy-research-uk-pruk-research-award/>

### Research Development Awards

**Pharmacy Research UK** invites applications for its research development awards. These enable UK-based pharmacists to develop pharmacy practice research capacity. Awards may also be used for new areas of research, such as pre-pilot and feasibility studies that would not be considered by other funding bodies. Research may have a direct impact on the way in which pharmacy is practised, or generate results that address theoretical and explanatory areas. Two types of awards are available:

- Galen award supports one or more grants to a total value of £30,000;
- Leverhulme award supports one or more research projects to a total value of £45,000 that are of benefit to community pharmacy, or led by a community pharmacist.

Applicants must consider how the outputs of their research will be used to inform practice, policy and patient outcomes.

Applicants must be registered with the General Pharmaceutical Society. The research must take place in the UK. The awards are suitable for those requiring funding between PhD and postdoctoral grants, those requiring funding to go from MPhil to PhD, practitioners new to research and PhD students requiring research costs to enhance their PhDs.

Awards last for up to three years, though longer projects may be considered if justified. Awards may be used for salary costs, locum costs, training costs or course fees, supervision costs, research costs, reasonable costs for travel and subsistence, and other justified costs.

**Closing date** 13:00 on 21 April 2021

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/personal-research-awards/>

### Research Training Bursaries

**Pharmacy Research UK**, supported by the Leverhulme Trust, invites applications for its research training bursaries. These enable pharmacists to develop their skills in conducting research relating to everyday practice. The following levels of funding are available:

- level one bursaries provide funding to undertake research modules and small-scale projects, worth up to £5,000 each;
- level two bursaries provide funding to upgrade a diploma in clinical or community pharmacy to an MSc degree, which usually involves undertaking a further two modules and undertaking a project, worth up to £10,000 each;
- level three bursaries provide funding to pursue a non-pharmacy MSc, worth up to £30,000 each.

All registered community and primary care pharmacists registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council.

Research courses must take place in the UK.

Funding is available for one year full-time or two years part-time.

Comment on this opportunity

**Closing date** 13:00 on 21 April 2021

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/research-training-bursaries/>

## College of Mental Health Pharmacy/Pharmacy Research UK research award <sup>NEW</sup>

Pharmacy Research UK and the College of Mental Health Pharmacy invite applications for their research award. This enables pharmacy professionals to undertake practice research for the benefit of patients with mental illness, and to contribute to enhancing the quality of care with psychiatric medicines through improving pharmaceutical services or ensuring safe and effective use of medicines. Projects are specifically sought in the following areas:

- cross-sector communication and interface working;
- medicines safety or optimisation for those with mental illness by community, general practice or general hospital pharmacy teams;
- relapse prevention and keeping well, including maintaining adherence;
- mental health services in community and primary care, or equivalent areas;
- managing public health issues in mental health, such as physical health.

Applications with a focus on substance misuse may be accepted provided the project aims to benefit patients with co-morbid mental illness.

The lead applicant must be a full or associate members of the CMHP and have been so for at least one year prior to application. They must be registered with a professional regulatory body for pharmacy in their home nation, such as the General Pharmaceutical Council, and must be based in the UK. Organisations outside of the UK are welcome to collaborate with the UK-based lead, however the project must have relevance for the UK.

Grants are worth up to £20,000 for between 12 and 20 months.

**Closing date** 21 Apr 2021

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/the-cmhp-pruk-research-award/>

## Psoriasis Association PRUK Research Award

*The Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award is a great opportunity for researchers to undertake pharmacy research for the benefit of patients living with psoriasis.*

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) and the Psoriasis Association are working together to offer the opportunity for health service researchers to receive a Research Award for projects relating to pharmacy research into psoriasis. Projects can investigate a range of issues, such as how pharmacy services can support the treatment of psoriasis or how patients can better manage their symptoms with the support of pharmacists.

This new partnership offers up to **£20,000** for pharmacy research into psoriasis, with a focus on future patient benefit. The research must not exceed 12 months duration.

To be considered eligible for submission the project must:

- Have a lead who is based at a UK Higher Education Institute
- Be completed within 12 months (unless under exceptional circumstances)
- Request no more than £20,000. The judging panel may decide to award the total amount to one project or to one or more smaller projects
- Be aligned with the Psoriasis Association and PRUK charitable objectives

Following submission, projects will be reviewed by an expert panel and one or more awarded funding according to the following criteria (see guidance document below for more details):

- Investigate novel research, which aligns with the Psoriasis Association and PRUK organisational objectives/Research Award scope and adds value to the current research literature
- Have a clear research question or hypothesis with potential to improve outcomes for patients
- Have a feasible and robust methodology designed to meet the aims/objectives of the project
- Have clear, defined and measurable outcomes

Please refer to the Psoriasis Association (<https://www.psoriasis-association.org.uk/research>) and PRUK (<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/about-us/our-story/>) webpages for information about their organisational aims.

For more detailed information and to apply for this award, please download the Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award guidance and application form.

- **Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award Guidance Document 2021**
- **Psoriasis Association-PRUK Research Award Application Form 2021**

For further information on the selection process, please see **how we fund research**. If you are unable to download any of the documents above please **contact us**.

**Deadline:** 13:00 on 21 April 2021

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/psoriasis-association-pruk-research-award/>

## **The BOPA-PRUK Research Award**

*The BOPA-PRUK Research Award is a great opportunity for UK-based pharmacy professionals to take their first steps into pharmacy research.*

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) and the British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA) are working together to allow pharmacy professionals in oncology and haematology pharmacy to undertake research.

This year, the BOPA-PRUK grants will increase in value, up to **£20,000** and may be used to support an independent research project or research component of a higher degree.

The Research Award will support projects in translational and health service related to oncology and haematology pharmacy with a focus on patient benefit and provide a platform for novice researchers to engage in research.

Both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are eligible to apply for funds for projects in translational and health service research related to oncology and haematology pharmacy.

To be considered for funding the project must:

- Have a lead applicant who is a current BOPA member
- Be aligned with Pharmacy Research UK and BOPA organisational objectives
- Have a clear research question or hypothesis
- Have a robust methodology
- Have clear, defined and measurable outcomes
- Be completed within 12 months (unless under exceptional circumstances)
- Be conducted in the UK
- Request no more than £20,000

To apply for this award please download the BOPA-PRUK Research Award guidance and application form. Please ensure you refer to the guidance document before submitting your application.

- [BOPA-PRUK Research Award Guidance Document 2021](#)
- [BOPA-PRUK Research Award Application Form 2021](#)

For further information on the selection process, please see [how we fund research](#). If you are unable to download any of the documents above please [contact us](#).

**Deadline:** 13:00 on 21 April 2021

<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/for-researchers/personal-awards-2/the-bopa-pharmacy-research-uk-pruk-research-award/>

## **CMHP-PRUK Research Award**

*The CMHP-PRUK Research Award is a great opportunity for pharmacy professionals to undertake practice research for the benefit of patients with mental illness.*

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) and the College of Mental Health Pharmacy (CMHP) are working together to offer full or associate members of the CMHP the opportunity to receive a Research Award for projects which aim to benefit patients with mental illness, and which contribute to enhancing the quality of care with psychiatric medicines through improving pharmaceutical services or ensuring safe and effective use of medicines.

The CMHP and PRUK specifically wish to support projects in the following areas:

- Cross sector communication and interface working,
- Medicines safety/optimisation for those with mental illness by community, general practice or general hospital pharmacy teams,
- Relapse prevention and keeping well (including maintaining adherence),
- Mental health services in community and primary care, or equivalent areas, and/or
- Managing public health issues in mental health (e.g. physical health).

This partnership offers up to **£20,000** for CMHP members to pursue research in line with the areas highlighted above, with a focus on future patient benefit. The research must not exceed 20 months duration and successful award holders will be expected to present their research at a future CMHP conference. Applications with a focus on substance misuse may be accepted provided the project aims to benefit patients with co-morbid mental illness.

To be considered eligible for submission the project must:

- Align to the CMHP-PRUK Research Award scope criteria described above,
- Have a lead applicant who is registered with a professional regulatory body for pharmacy in their home nation (e.g. the General Pharmaceutical Council), and who has also been a full or associate member of CMHP for at least one year prior to application,
- Be completed between 12 to 20 months (unless under exceptional circumstances)

- Be based in the UK. Organisations outside of the UK are welcome to collaborate on projects, however the lead institution must be UK-based and the project must have relevance for the UK, and
- Request no more than £20,000. The judging panel may decide to award the total amount to one project or to one or more smaller projects.

Following submission, projects will be reviewed by an expert panel and one or more awarded funding according to the following criteria (see guidance document below for more details):

- Investigate novel research, which aligns with CMHP and PRUK organisational objectives/Research Award scope and adds value to the current research literature,
- Have a clear research question or hypothesis with potential to improve outcomes for patients/carers
- Have a feasible and robust methodology designed to meet the aims/objectives of the project
- Have clear, defined and measurable outcomes

Please refer to the CMHP (<https://www.cmhp.org.uk/about-us/charitable-aims/>) and PRUK

(<http://pharmacyresearchuk.org/about-us/our-story/>) webpages for information about their organisational aims.

For more detailed information and to apply for this award, please download the CMHP-PRUK Research Award guidance and application form.

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For further information on the selection process, please see **how we fund research**. If you are unable to download any of the documents above please **contact us**.

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## [Career development Research training fellowships for nurses and allied health professionals](#)

The **British Heart Foundation** invites applications for its research training fellowships for nurses and allied health professionals. These provide nurses and allied health professionals with a foundation in research training in an established research institution in the UK, leading to the award of a PhD.

Applications must be submitted by an established investigator who will be the supervisor for the named student and must devote at least 10 per cent of their time to supervising the student. A second supervisor should also be included. Students should be working in a cardiovascular setting and be a nurse, midwife, allied health professional or healthcare scientist. They should usually hold a good quality masters degree or equivalent. Students who have started a PhD or equivalent may be eligible to apply for a research training fellowship, but the application must be received within six months of having registered for their PhD. In these circumstances, the proposed start date for the fellowship should also be no more than one year from the date of registration for the degree.

Fellowships are tenable for three years or up to five years on a part-time basis. They include salary costs, research consumables usually worth up to £10,000 per year and tuition fees at the standard home student rate. Up to 20 per cent of the time may be spent on patient care if the fellowship is taken on a full-time basis.

**Closing date** 28 Apr 21

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund/research-training-fellowships-for-nurses-and-allied-health-professionals>

## [NIHR Global Health Research Units and Groups](#)

These awards will provide funding to collaborations of specialist researchers within universities and research institutes in lower middle income countries and the UK who wish to establish new programmes of applied health research. The Global Health Research Units and/or Groups will be either new to delivering applied health research globally or wish to expand an existing partnership.

[NIHR Global Health Research Groups](#)

**Deadline:** 13:00 on 18 May 2021

[NIHR Global Health Research Units](#)

**Deadline:** 13:00 on 18 May 2021

## **COMING SOON: Fund for healthcare professionals**

**\*This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open in autumn 2021. The following information is subject to change. \***

**The Novo Nordisk UK Research Foundation** invites applications for its fund for healthcare professionals. This supports clinical projects, training and education within the field of diabetes mellitus in the UK. Funding may be used as:

- support of a clinical project;
- attendance at a relevant national or international meeting;
- support for courses of study at home or overseas.

Preference is given to those presenting at a meeting who have submitted an abstract.

Candidates must be qualified healthcare professionals living and working in the UK, including nurses, dieticians, podiatrists and pharmacists but excluding General Medical Council registered professionals.

**Closing date** 01 Feb 22 (Forecast)

<http://www.novonordiskfoundation.org.uk/fund.html>